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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ENABLING THREADS TO REACH A  
CONSISTENT STATE WITHOUT EXPLICIT  
THREAD SUSPENSION

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**CLAIMS:**

1. In line 2 of claim 5 (column 11, line 33) change "farther comprising" to --further comprising--. This appears correctly in Amendment D as filed on March 20, 2006, on page 3, claim 5, line 2.

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program means for saving a snapshot of an indication of a state of the first thread and thereafter setting the state of the first thread to a safe state, wherein the indication of the state of which the snapshot is saved is an indication of whether or not the first thread was consistent;

program means for acquiring a consistent state lock using the first thread;

program means for identifying substantially all threads that are inconsistent, the inconsistent threads being included in the multiple threads;

program means for altering the state of the substantially all threads that are inconsistent to a consistent state;

program means for notifying the first thread when the state of the substantially all threads that are inconsistent have been altered to be consistent;

program means for restoring the indication of the state of the first thread from the snapshot; and

program means for releasing the consistent state lock using the first thread.

5. (previously presented) A computing apparatus as recited in claim 4, the program executing thereon further comprising:

program means for performing a garbage collection after releasing the consistent state lock using the first thread.

6. (previously presented) A computing apparatus as recited in claim 5, the program executing thereon further comprising:

program means for notifying the substantially all threads that have been altered to be consistent that the garbage collection has been performed.

7. (previously presented) A computer readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program for requesting a consistent state in a computing environment using a first thread, the computing environment including multiple threads, the multiple threads including the first thread, the computer program comprising:

computer program code for saving a snapshot of an indication of a state of the first thread and thereafter setting the state of the first thread to a safe state, wherein the indication of the state of which the snapshot is saved is an indication of whether or not the first thread was consistent;

computer program code for acquiring a consistent state lock using the first thread;

computer program code for identifying substantially all threads that are inconsistent, the inconsistent threads being included in the multiple threads;

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

### In the Claims:

In line 2 of claim 5 (column 11, line 33) change "farther comprising" to --further comprising--.

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